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SUBJECT: THE WALLENBERG CASE - RAOUL WALLENBERG ASSOCIATION FORMED
IN SWEDEN; THE BIDEN LETTER

REF: MOSCOm 21318

1. (U) THE SHEDISH "RAQUL HALLENBERG ASSOCIATION" WAS FORMALLY LAUNCHED ON SEPTEMBER 3 IN STOCKHOLM BY 25 MOSTLY PROMINENT SHEDISH CITIZENS, INCLUDING POLITICIANS, JOURNALISTS, AND PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE. THE ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCED IT MOULD COOPERATE HITH SIMILAR ASSOCIATIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES IN AN EFFORT TO CLARIFY HALLENBERG'S FATE AND, IF HE IS ALIVE, TO HAVE HIM RELEASED FROM THE SOVIET UNION. SERVING AS TEMPORARY PRESIDENT IS NANNA SVARTZ, A PROMINENT SHEDISH PROFESSOR OF MEDICITE AND HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE. THE ASSOCIATION IS NOW RUNNING ADJERTISEMENTS IN THE SHEDISH PRESS SOLICITING MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS OF 25 SKR (ROUGHLY \$6).

2. (U) AT THE ASSOCIATION'S INAUGURAL PRESS CONFERENCE WERE WALLENBERG'S MALF SISTER, MRS. NINA LAGERGREN; THE

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SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SMEDISH RED CROSS, ANDERS NIJKMAN; AND MRS. ANGETTE LANTOS OF THE US ACTION GROUP FOR WALLENBERG. MRS. LAHTOS REPORTEDLY STATED THAT IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE PRESIDENT CARTER WILL TAKE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE WALLENBERG CASE, THAT ACTRESS LIV ULL MAN HOPES TO SEE THE PRESIDENT ABOUT THE CASE, TOGETHER WITH WALLENBERG'S MALF BRCTHER, GUY VON DARDEL, NHO IS NOW IN THE US. MRS. LANTOS ALSO SAID THAT THE SECRETARY MAD EXPRESSED HOPES THAT THE WALLENBERG AFFAIR WOULD BE SOLVED NEXT YEAR. SHE SAID THE SECRETARY HAD TOLD "US" THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HOULD NOT TAKE A "NO" FROM THE RUSSIANS. WIJKMAN, FOR HIS PART, TERMED THE FORMATION OF THE WALLENBERG ASSOCIATION "ONE OF THE LAST CHANCES TO MAKE AN ACTIVE ATTEMPT TO SAVE WALLENBERG," AND PROMISED TO BRING UP THE CASE WITH THE RUSSIANS IN THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS.

- 3. (C) COMMENT: THE MFA VIEWS THE FORMATION OF THE WALLENBERG ASSOCIATION WITH SATISFACTION BUT PLANS NO TIES TO IT. END COMMENT.
- 4. (C) ACTION REQUESTED: THE SHEDISH PRESS ALSO CARRIES THE STORY THAT SENATOR BIDEN DELIVERED IN MOSCON A LETTER TO BREZHNEV REGARDING WALLENBERG. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED BY THE MFA IF WE CAN CONFIRM WHETHER THE LETTER CONTAINS ANYTHING ON WALLENBERG (THE REFTEL IS NOT CONCLUSIVE ON THIS), AND WHETHER BIDEN CAN BE ASKED WHAT REACTION HE GOT TO THE APPROACH HE MADE AT MOSCOW AIRPORT.

END OF MESSAGE

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